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Reprimanded for Expressing Himself on the Schley Verdict.

GEN. MILES EXPLAINS

Secretary Root Told Him He Had No. Right to Make an Expression and the Reprimand Then Followed-The Letters.

Washington, Dec. 23.-Lieutenant General Miles has been reprimanded by the war department for expressing himself on the verdict in the Schley court of inquiry in which he commended Admiral Dewey for his verdiet.

by Secretary Root for the interview at violated. Cincinnati, General Miles replied that the interview was merely his personal views and was not intended as any reflection upon the court He told Secretary Root that he did not consider it noon by Secretary of War Root. was against any established law to so

This explanation was not satisfact-Miles sent Secretary Root the follow-

"Headquarters of the Army, Wash-Secretary of War: Sir-Referring to my note of yesterday, and in order that there may be no misunderstanding, I desire to say that for several years a distinguished and gallant officer has been assailed by parties who have endeavored to write him and other high officials down, until finally he appealed against such assaults to a coordinate branch of the government granted him a court of inquiry, and, as I understand it, they unanimously exonerated him from such epithets as coward, poltroon, etc., and their opinions were given to the public for the information of all citizens.

When I said that I had no sympathy rith those who had endeavored to destray the reputation of a high officer, who, like all other officers, regards his honor as more sacred than life, I had in mind and referred to those assaults against which the admiral had appealed for protection and justification, and of the government.

fore the president, and have no objecion to it being made public. Very respectfully.

"NELSON A. MILES. "Lieutenant General."

"War Department, Washington, Dec. clusions upon your course in the interview to which your attention was called by my letter of the 19th Instant.

"Your explanation of the public statement made by you is not satisfactory. You are in error if you suppose that you have the same right as any other citizen to express publicly an opinion regarding official questions pending in the course of military dis-The established invariable rules of official propriety necessary to the effective discipline of the service impose limitations upon the public expressions of military officers, with which your long experience should have made you familiar.

"Your duty is to express your opinfon on official matters when called upon by your official superiors or in the due course of your official reports and recommendations, and not otherwise. The first article of the regulations governing the army of the United States

Deliberations of discussions among sure or any mark of approbation to jured. ward others in the military service. are prohibited.

"This provision has been a part of the army regulations for at least half a century, and the highest obligation to observe it rests upon the officers, whose high rank should make them examples to theri subordinates. Any other role of action in the military service would be subversive of discipline. It would not be tolerated in any officer of whatever rank.

"The present facts are that for several years there has been an unfortunate and bitter controversy in the navy department-a controversy generally deplored, even by the participants, as tending to bring the service lute disesteem at home and abroad and to destrong relations of mutual confidence and friendship between naval officers which the interests of effective service

"In this controversy the army has not been involved and no lar had been raised to that good feeling and friendly relations between the officers of the navy and the affects of the army, which is essential to the successful and harmonious co-operation of the two

services in preparation and in action, "A court of inquiry has been held on the matters in controversy and a report has been made, in which one member has dissented in some particulars from the majority, and the report road between Suamico and Oconto two was pending before the reviewing au-

morny. At this point ! It is make a public expression c. ion as between the majority and the minority of the court, accompanied by a criticism of the most severe character, which could not fail to be applied the generality of readers to the naval officers, against whose view your opinion was expressed.

"It is no consequence on whose side your opinion was, or what it was. You had no business in the controversy and no right, holding the office which you

did, to express any opinion. Your conduct was in violation of the regulations above cited and the rules of official propriety, and you are justly liable to censure, which I now express. Very respectfully, ELIHU ROOT. "Secretary of War."

"To Lieut Gen, Nelson A. Miles, headquarters of the army. "P. S .- Your second letter of explanation, dated today and received since the above was written, does not change the case. The necessity for repeated explanations but illustrates the im-When an explanation was demanded portance of the rule which you have

Maclay's Resignation Demanded.

"Secretary of War."

Washington, Dec. 23.-The following order was made public Saturday after-

"Navy Department, Washington, Dec. 21 .- Rear Admiral Barker, Commandant of Navy Yard, New York: Sir-I am directed by the president to ory to the war department and so no- ask Edgar S. Maclay, special laborer, tified General Miles. Then General general storekeeper's office, navy yard, New York, to send in his resignation Very respectfully.

"JOHN D. LONG, Secretary." Secretary Root was designated to ington. Dec. 21.—The Honorable the make public the request of Maclay's resignation after a conference with the

FORTY LIVES LOST.

City Market House at Zacateoas Reported Destroyed by Fire.

Kansas City, Dec. 23.-A special to the Star from San Antonio, Tex., says: By the burning of the city market house at Zacatecas, Mexico, fully 45 lives have been lost and over a score of persons seriously injured, some of them so badly that they cannot recover. Fifteen bodies have been taken from the ruins, and a large force is at work clearing away the debris in order to recover others, though there is no hope that any of those caught in the collapse of the big structure will be found alive. It is impossible at this time to learn the names of the victims.

Resption to Archbishop Chappelle,

New Orleans, Dec. 23.-Archbishop Chappelle returned home late Saturday night. A large committee of laymen and priests, headed by Mayor Capcertainly not to a co-ordinate branch devicile met him 100 miles from the city and escorted him to the new house. "I request that this note be taid be completely furnished, which the diocese has presented.

Sanday there was a formal reception and speeches were made by the mayor and Associate Justice O. O. Provosty The addresses dwelt with the success The reprimand is contained in the of the mission to Cuba, Porto Rico and following letter of Secretary Root to the Philippines, and predicted a cardinal's hat for the archbishop. The latter in reply said he could not discuss 21.—Sir: By direction of the presi- his mission as silence was golden, but dent. I communicate to you his con- assured his people that he would rather be archbishop of New Orleans than emperor of Russia.

Miss Stone's Release.

London, Dec. 23.-According to a Sofia dispatch to the Daily Telegraph an agreement has been reached between the brigands holding Miss Stone captive and the American legation at Constantinople, under the terms of which the brigands are to accept \$14,000 for the release of Miss Stone. It is said the ransom is to be paid on Bulgarian soil and that Miss Stone is to be liberated in Turkish territory.

Family Aimost Wiped Out.

Dubois, Pa., Dec. 23.-Word has reached here of a terrible holocaust that occurred about three miles from Summerville, Jefferson county, Saturday. The home of John Ashbaugh, a farmed, was destroyed by fire and four persons were burned to death, another probably is fatally burned, and four military men, conveying praise or cen others are seriously burned and in-

Girl Kicked to Death

Call, Tex., Dec. 23.-Miss Bradley, a daughter of Thomas Bradley, who lives at Salem, about eight miles from Call, was thrown from a wagon Saturday and kicked to death. Her neck was broken, either by the fall or the horse's hoofs. She was dead when her father got to the wagon, which was only a few hundred yards from where he was at

General Alger Operated Upon.

Detroit, Dec. 23.-An operation was performed Sunday on General R. A. Alger, formerly secretary of war, who has been suffering for a long period from severe attacks of galistones. The operation was successful and General Alger's condition is satisfactory.

Fire at Huntsville,

Birmingham, Ala. Dec. 23.-A special to the Age-Herald from Huntaville says the most destructive fire in the history of this city occurred Sunday morning, resulting in the death of one fireman, the serious injury of another and a property loss of \$40,000.

Serious Freight Wreck.

Green Bay, Wis., Dec. 23 .- In a freight wreck on the Northwestern persons were killed and another fatally

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Long Will Not Resign.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Secretary Long's attention having been called again to reports that he contemplated resigning from the cabinet, he again said there was not a word of truth in

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